



# Hostia

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**October 2024**  
**Month of the**  
**Most Holy Rosary**

*For all*  
*missionaries*

The  
Saint  
of  
the  
month

## Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus Carmelite (1873-1898)



Few Saints have aroused so much admiration and enthusiasm immediately after their death; few have acquired a more astonishing popularity everywhere on earth; few have been so rapidly raised to the altars as was this holy young Carmelite. Marie Françoise Thérèse Martin. Known as the Little Flower of Jesus, she was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1873 at Alençon in Normandy, France, of very Christian parents. The Martins, who lost four of their little ones in early infancy or childhood, regarded their children as gifts from Heaven and offered them to God before their birth. Thérèse was the last flower of this blessed stem, which gave four Sisters to the Carmel of Lisieux, still another to the Visitation of Caen. The five sisters were left without their mother, a victim of cancer, when Thérèse was only four years old; but her two oldest sisters were old enough to take excellent care of the household and continue the Christian formation of the younger ones, which their mother had begun. Their saintly father was soon to see his little flock separated, however, when one after the other they left to enter religious life. He blessed each one and gave them all back to God, with humble gratitude to God for having chosen his daughters.

From childhood Thérèse had manifested a tender piety which her naturally lively temperament could not alter. Her mother's death affected her profoundly, however, and at the age of nine she was visited with a severe trial in the form of an illness the doctors could not diagnose, and which seemed incurable. She was instantly restored to her ordinary good health by the Virgin Mary, in answer to her desolate sisters' prayers; Thérèse saw her statue become animated, to smile at her with an ineffable tenderness as she lay on her bed of suffering.

Before the age of fifteen Thérèse already desired to enter the Carmel of Lisieux, where her two eldest sisters were already nuns; a trip to Rome to ask to do so when still so young at the knees of the Holy Father Leo XIII, gave her the indefinite answer that her Superiors would decide the matter. Many prayers finally fulfilled her heart's desire and four months after her fifteenth birthday she entered Carmel with an ineffable joy. She could say then, I no longer have any desire but to love Jesus even to folly.

She adopted flowers as the symbol of her love for her Divine Spouse and offered all her little daily sacrifices and works as rose petals at the feet of Jesus. Divine Providence gave to the world the autobiography of this true Saint, whose little way of spiritual childhood was described in her own words in her *Story of a Soul*. She could not offer God the pains of the great soldiers of God, only her desires to love Him as they had loved Him, and to serve Him in every way possible, not only as a cloistered nun, but in the spirit of a missionary, a priest, a hero of the faith, a martyr. Later she would be named patroness of missions. Her spirituality does not imply only sweetness and light, however; this loving child of God passed by a tunnel of desolate spiritual darkness, yet never ceased to smile at Him, wanting to serve Him, if it were possible, without His even knowing it.

When nine years had passed in the Carmel, the little flower was ready to be plucked for Heaven; and in a slow agony of consumption, Thérèse made her final offering to God. She suffered so severely that she said she would never have believed it possible, and could only explain it by her desire to save souls for God. She died in 1897, was beatified in 1923 and canonized in 1925. And now, as she foretold, she is spending her Heaven in doing good upon earth. Countless miracles have been attributed to her intercession.

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Crusaders and Friends,

**D**o you know who are the patron saints of missions? They are Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. You might wonder why!



Saint Francis Xavier was a companion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and both founded the Society of Jesus – the Jesuits – which became the greatest missionary congregation. He travelled widely in Asia, doing work of evangelisation especially in India, but also in Japan to where he led the first Christian mission.

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus was a Carmelite, cloistered in her Carmel in France, far from the missionary countries in other continents. And yet, her vocation of a hidden life consecrated to prayer and penance was truly missionary, and she kept in contact by letter with missionary priests to encourage them.

Both Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus had the same concern for the good of souls. Missionary work needs

priests to preach the Gospel so that people may learn to live according to it. However, many of them remain deaf to this teaching. How do we obtain the grace for them to change their ways? By offering prayers and sacrifices for them.

This shows how we can support missionary priests, taking part in the fullness of missionary work for the good of souls. We should all have this concern for the greater honour of God and the reign of Christ the King whose feast is on the last Sunday in October. During this month of October, you can add a decade of the Rosary as your way to help.

Saint Bernadette of Lourdes used to pray a sixth decade which she offered for the propagation of the faith. So, we can do that, immediately after our usual five or during our night prayers. Think of giving good example, too, to those around you, behaving properly by showing prompt obedience or speaking kindly about other people in conversations.

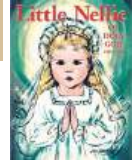
We should want more souls to receive graces of sanctification that will secure their salvation. This is called apostolic zeal. It is an expression of the charity that Our Lord wants us to have for people less fortunate than ourselves.

God bless you all.

Father Vianney Vandendaele +  
Chaplain of EC  
in Great Britain & Ireland

## I WANT HOLY GOD — LITTLE NELLIE

*By Father Bernard des Ronces*



### CHAPTER 10 — THE CHILD OF MARY (2)

**T**wo days after her First Communion, Nellie was solemnly admitted into the Association of the Children of Mary.



She wanted to prepare herself for this distinguished honour by making her second Communion that very morning.

We never honour Mary so well as when we receive Jesus.

It was after Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and, so to speak, in the radiance of the monstrance, that this little ceremony, which impressed

all those in assistance, took place. Nellie's demeanor was extraordinarily calm and dignified. Her intelligent eyes followed the chaplain's every movement, while her lips murmured prayers that the Angels lovingly carried to the feet of their Queen. After the blessing of the medals, she raised her little head fervently to receive the blue ribbon and the silver medal. White and blue: the two colors of the Virgin which were so dear to Nellie. "This livery makes us noble and protects us. In the early years it sheds a glint of purity, a halo of light, a glimmer of a white-clouded sky floating over a field of azure".

Two months later, when she was leaving for the cemetery, Nellie still wore this Marian livery around her neck. More than one year later, when they opened her little casket, the blue ribbon

had lost nothing of its freshness and the white medal had lost nothing of its sheen, despite the weather and the humidity of the tomb.

There was a statue of the Immaculate Virgin in Nellie's room. It was the object of constant veneration on her part. Looks, words and flowers were her daily tribute to "Holy God's Mother". It was touching to see this little child often raising her love-filled eyes towards her dear image, to hear her addressing her innocent prayers to it, to contemplate her preparing fresh flowers to lay at its feet.

She would invite the people who came to visit her to greet and honour Mary. Nellie was always an apostle. One day – towards the end of her little life – the Mother Superior came to Nellie's bed with several open letters. The little one helped her to seal them.

"Do you not want to write a letter too, Nellie?" "Oh yes!", she quickly answered.

She happily asked for paper, pen and ink and began to

fill several pages with indecipherable hieroglyphics. "This letter", she said as she handed it to the good Mother Superior, "is for Holy God's Mother and it has to be sent to Heaven".

The Reverend Mother promised to do this and, moved by this innocent faith, went to place the manuscript at the Madonna's feet.



Though nobody on earth was able to read these lines, who can doubt that Mary savoured them in Heaven, she who, according to Saint Bernard, hears all her children's sighs? Perhaps Little Nellie said:

Soon I will hear that music so grand;  
Soon in

God's Heav'n my Mother I'll see!

Who smiled on her child as her  
poor life began, Come,

smile once again... Mother,  
evening is here!

*To be continued.*



## EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION



### Jesus Model of Poverty (4)

**A** poor man has nothing, clings to nothing, can do nothing by himself, and knows he means nothing to others. If the opposite were the truth, he would be very rich; for the goods of the mind are much more valuable than the goods of the body, and there is more glory in our being able to give advice than to give a few pieces of silver.

Interior poverty, understood in this sense, becomes a remedy for the three concupiscences within us. It attacks vanity, the desire to know always more, and the sensuality of the mind. If we are convinced that we are lacking in mind, in heart, in energy, in constancy, and in strength, we shall practise poverty quite naturally and make it our condition. We shall want to depend on God for everything: on His light for our mind, on His grace for our will, on His love for our heart, on His Cross for our body.



But if we are to love this poverty, we must see it and love it in Our Lord, Who is so poor in the Sacrament and is forever repeating to us: *Sine Me nihil potestis facere*. "Without Me, you can do nothing, you have nothing. I am your only wealth. Do not seek any other either in yourself or around you."

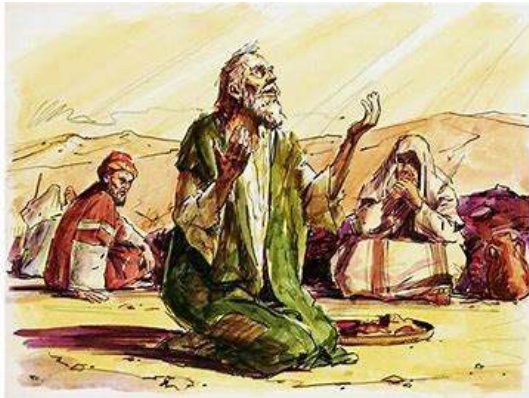
If we are bound to be poor by our state of life, what is the source of our sins against it?

And if we are not in the religious life, what is the source of the antipathy we experience against being poor out of love?

The first source of it is vanity. We want to have beautiful things among our personal belongings. We pick out what is best and precious and dazzling, under the pretext that such things last longer. It would be better to consult Our Lord in the spirit of poverty; one act of this virtue would be more profitable to us than all that wordly economy.

Sensuality also leads us to transgress poverty by the extreme care we take of ourselves. What expensive measures we resort to against the slightest indisposition! Ah! Many of us are more afraid of poverty than of humility or modesty or any other virtue.

We must therefore take to poverty resolutely if we want to resemble Our Lord. Let each one of us, according to his condition, aim at having fewer and less expensive things. Let everything that we buy or receive be a tribute to the holy poverty of our Master Jesus Christ.



## KNOW YOUR MASS



**PRIEST:** GIVE JUDGMENT FOR ME, O GOD, AND DECIDE MY CAUSE AGAINST AN UNHOLY PEOPLE; FROM UNJUST AND DECEITFUL MEN DELIVER ME.

**SERVER:** FOR THOU, O GOD, ART MY STRENGTH. WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME? AND WHY DO I GO ABOUT IN SADNESS, WHILE THE ENEMY AFFLICTS ME?

**PRIEST:** SEND FORTH THY LIGHT AND THY TRUTH; THEY HAVE LED ME AND BROUGHT ME TO THY HOLY HILL AND THY DWELLING PLACE.

**SERVER:** AND I WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD, TO GOD, THE JOY OF MY YOUTH.

**PRIEST:** I SHALL YET PRAISE THEE ON THE HARP, O GOD, MY GOD. WHY ART THOU SORROWFUL, MY SOUL, AND WHY DOST THOU TROUBLE ME?

**SERVER:** TRUST IN GOD, FOR I SHALL YET PRAISE HIM, THE SALVATION OF MY COUNTENANCE AND MY GOD.

**PRIEST:** GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST.

**SERVER:** AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

THE PRIEST AND SERVER RECITE PSALM 42.

THIS PSALM WAS WRITTEN BY KING DAVID TO EXPRESS HOW MUCH HE WANTED TO GO BEFORE THE ALTAR OF GOD.



IT SHOULD EXPRESS OUR JOY IN BEING ABLE TO ATTEND MASS.

LONG AGO THIS PSALM USED TO BE RECITED BY THE PRIEST AS A PREPARATION BEFORE HE CAME TO THE ALTAR. NOW IT IS SAID AT MASS ITSELF, BUT IT IS STILL A PREPARATION.

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**PRIEST:** I WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD.

**SERVER:** TO GOD, THE JOY OF MY YOUTH.





IN THE MASS JESUS IS GOING TO BE OFFERED UP FOR OUR SINS. THEREFORE, WE FIRST TELL HIM WE ARE SORRY FOR THEM.



BECAUSE MARY MAGDALENE WAS TRULY SORRY FOR HER SINS, JESUS NOT ONLY FORGAVE HER BUT LOVED HER VERY MUCH.

IF WE ARE TRULY SORRY FOR OUR SINS JESUS WILL LOVE US TOO.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT****Wise Men from the East  
(Matthew 2:1-18)**

**W**hen Jesus therefore was born in Bethlehem of Juda, in the days of King Herod, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to adore him. And king Herod hearing this, was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And assembling together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Christ should be born. But they said to him: In Bethlehem of Juda. For so it is written by the prophet:

And thou Bethlehem the land of Juda art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come forth the captain that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, privately calling the wise men, learned diligently of them the time of the star which appeared to them; And sending them into Bethlehem, said: Go and diligently inquire after the child, and when you have found him, bring me word again, that I also may come to adore him. Who having heard the king, went their way; and behold the star which they had seen in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the child was. And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.



And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having received an answer in sleep that they should not return to Herod, they went back another way into their country.

And after they were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the child

and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him. Who arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod: That it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet, saying: Out of Egypt have I called my son.

The visit of the wise men to the young child Jesus and His mother and Saint Joseph is full of mystery. The wise men, in contrast to the shepherds were spoken to by not by an angel, but by the appearance of a star. And from its rising and their knowledge and traditions they deduced that a mighty person had been born, even God himself had appeared on earth. In the East where the wise men originated, were many Jews and they would have books about the expectation of Christ.

Having decided, possibly with the help of Divine inspiration, the significance of the star and further determined to go to see the person announced by the sign, they set off in the direction of the star which led them to Jerusalem.

It is thought that the star arose to coincide with the birth of Christ, which would explain why the wise men appeared in Jerusalem up to two years after the birth of Christ.

They carried with them mystic gifts, gold for a king; frankincense for a God; myrrh for a burial.

Not immediately recognising Herod's piety as false and planning to return to him later, they were warned by an angel not to return to Herod, and so went back to their own country by a different route. But, no doubt like the shepherds, the experience of meeting the Saviour changed their lives for ever.



## THE HOLY GHOST OUR GREATEST FRIEND

### HOW ARE WE TO HONOUR THE HOLY GHOST IN OUR SOULS?



#### Duties towards the Holy Ghost Himself (1)

If the Holy Ghost is, as we have said, really in our souls, loving us with an unspeakably great love and craving for our love in return, we must above all realise and remember His Divine Presence. We must not, as many do, pass the whole day, pass many days and weeks in complete forgetfulness of Him.

True, we cannot be praying constantly to Him all day long, but we can honour and adore Him in many different ways:

**First, by offering to Him our daily prayers, Masses, Communions and good works.**

We increase the Gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost by prayer and the reception of the Sacraments.

**Second, by offering in His honour all the actions of the day.** We can offer Him our daily work, our sleep, our eating, all we do, as St. Paul tells us: "Whatever you do in word or work, do all in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ." The Apostle continues: "Whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

We thus honour the Holy Ghost day and night by offering for love of Him all we do. It is He who commands us to eat, to sleep, to work, to rest. Surely there is no difficulty in doing all this for the love of Him.



**Third, by saying special prayers to the Holy Ghost.** We daily say these prayers to the Holy Ghost, but we do not always give them sufficient attention.

**HOLY SOULS CORNER**

Saint Lidwina (1380–1433)

**S**ain. Lidwina was born at Schiedam, Holland, on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1380; and died on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1433. Her father came of a noble family while her mother was a poor country girl. Both were poor. Very early in her life Saint Lidwina was drawn towards the Mother of God and prayed a great deal before the miraculous image of Our Lady of Schiedam.



During the winter of the year of 1395, Lidwina went skating with her friends, one of whom caused her to fall upon some ice with such violence that she broke a rib in her right side. This was the beginning of her martyrdom. No medical skill availed to cure her. Gangrene appeared in the wound caused by the fall and spread over her entire body.

An authenticating document from the town officials of Schiedam, her hometown, attests that Lidwina shed skin, bones, parts of her intestines, which her parents kept in a vase and which gave off a sweet odour. These excited so much attention that Lidwina had her mother bury them.

This document (which has survived) also attests to her complete lack of food and sleep. At first she ate a little piece of apple, then a bit of date and watered wine, then river water contaminated with salt from the tides. For years she lay in pain which seemed to increase constantly.

Some looked on her with suspicion, as being under the influence of the evil spirit. Her pastor, Andries, brought her an unconsecrated host, but the saint distinguished it at once. But God rewarded her with a wonderful gift of prayer and also with visions. After her fall, Lidwina fasted continuously and acquired fame as a healer and holy woman. Numerous miracles took place at her bedside.

A sinful man was converted by her prayers and exhortation and was able to make a good confession, but he died soon after, unable to do much penance. After some time, she asked her guardian angel if he was still in Purgatory, and she had this vision:

“‘He is there,’ said her angel, ‘and he suffers much. Would you be willing to endure some pain in order to diminish his?’ Certainly,’ she replied, ‘I am ready to suffer anything to assist him.’ Instantly her angel conducted her into a place of frightful torture. ‘Is this, then, Hell, my brother?’ asked the holy maiden, seized with horror. ‘No, sister,’ answered the angel, ‘but this part of Purgatory is bordering upon Hell.’”



## MY CATHOLIC FAITH

### Chapter 81. General Judgment

The General Judgment will take place at the end of the world. It is a public repetition of the particular judgment. Then all that each has thought, said, done, or omitted will be known to everybody. The just will receive their reward, and the wicked will be punished. At the General Judgment, Jesus Christ will be the Judge. Then complete justice will be meted out to all, to the souls united with their bodies.



### What is the judgment called which will be passed on all men immediately after the general resurrection?

The judgment which will be passed on all men immediately after the general resurrection is called **the general judgment**.

1. The Last or General judgment will take place *at the end of the world*, but when that will be, no man knows.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of Heaven, but the Father only" (Matthew 24:36). After the Ascension angels told the Apostles that Christ will come again as Judge: "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into Heaven will come in the same way, as you have seen him going up to Heaven" (Acts 1:11).



2. Our Lord *predicted* that signs will precede the Last Judgment, which He Himself described; He will be the Judge.

- (a) The *Gospel* will be preached in the whole world.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world, for a witness to all nations; and then will come the end" (Matthew 24:14).

- (b) There will be a great *apostasy* from faith; people will lose themselves in evil.

"Yet when the Son of Man comes, will he find, do you think, faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). "And as it came to pass in the days of Noe, even so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noe entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. In the same wise will it be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed" (Luke 17:26-27, 30).

- (c) *Antichrist* will appear and work false miracles.

Saint Paul speaks of "the man of sin... the son of perdition, who opposes and is exalted above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he sits in the temple of God, and gives himself out as if he were God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

## LITURGY THIS MONTH

*The month of October is dedicated to  
the Holy Rosary and the Guardian Angels*



### **October 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Holy Guardian Angels**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

### **October 7<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Rosary**

O most holy Virgin, may the Rosary be my spiritual armour and my school of virtue!

### **October 18<sup>th</sup>: St. Luke the Evangelist**

*'According as they have delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and minsters of the word: It seemed good to me also, having diligently attained to all things from the beginning, to write to thee in order, most excellent Theophilus'* (Luke 1:2-3).

### **October 24<sup>th</sup>: St. Raphael Archangel**

He is one of the seven spirits always in the presence of God. As he helped Toby in the Old Testament, he is the patron saint of doctors and nurses.

### **October 27<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Christ the King**

Our Lord is our King:

- the King of our heart, that is we must let Him reign over our emotions, feelings and love;
- the King of our mind, that is we must submit to the Truth;
- the King of our family, that is He has the place of honour;
- the King of our country, that is, He rules with justice!

### **October 28<sup>th</sup>: Sts. Simon & Jude**

O Lord, grant that the feast of these Apostles may strengthen my faith and my fidelity to Thy Holy Church.

### **The Mysteries of the Rosary - 13**



**The Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles**



The Crusader prays, receives Communion, makes sacrifices and shows good example for the intention that is given him each month by Reverend Father Davide Pagliarani, successor of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre as Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X



PRAYER

## October 2024 Intention: For all missionaries

### Daily offering

*To be recited every morning when you wake up*

**O** Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins. I offer them particularly **for all missionaries**



COMMUNION



SACRIFICE



APOSTOLATE

## JUNE 2024 RESULTS

The Intention was in reparation for sacrilegious communions

	Treasure Sheets returned	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
				Sac.	Spirit.					
GB	9	261	83	83	351	759	1857	80	24	536
Ireland	10	278	59	59	629	813	1385	69	94	603

Remember that all the good works and prayers from your treasure sheets are given each month to Father Pagliarani and so that he may be able to offer them at his Mass on the first Saturday of every month.

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